



ACTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS work frantically to save the Van Merkestein home at 114 Mill St., early last Friday morning. Smoke and flames could be seen all over town in the night sky. In the end, \$62,000 damage had been done, and two people were admitted to hospital. The house is beyond repair, according to Fire Prevention officer Larry Brassard.



CORY VAN MERKESTEIN suffered back injuries when he jumped from the balcony of his burning home Friday morning. He is in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

40 firefighters battle...

(Continued from Page 1) chief Bob Hyde explained the burning plastics, leathers, vinyls and rubbers from the footwear caused a lot of the smoke which caused the firefighters so much trouble. The

smoke could be seen all over town. No one was hurt in the blaze. The Cavics are staying with his brother in Hamilton until their apartment is fixed up.

Mr. Cavic was at work at the time of the fire. Firefighters left the scene at 11 p.m., only 28 hours before another major fire broke out which left a family homeless and two people in hospital.

Mayor's expenses back to vouchers

The mayor will go back to an earlier recommendation that his expenses up to \$1,500 a year, be paid only when vouchers are submitted, if council goes along with a recommendation from Halton Hills finance-administration committee.

after Councillor Peter Marks suggested an addition to the salary at the full amount, and later voting an expense account as well. Marks pointed out the voucher system could not be too much extra trouble since all staff members have their expenses paid now by the voucher system.

Chimney fire on Monday

Acton Volunteer Firefighters were called to a chimney fire at the home of Cam Fraser, on the Second Line of Erin township just south of Ospringe on Monday, reports fire chief Mick Holmes. However, he said, the fire was almost out by itself when firefighters arrived.

Milton prefers chargeback

Halton Regional Chairman Ric Morrow won't receive any support from Milton's three regional councillors when he urges regional council to abandon the chargeback system for payment of water and sewer services.

Russ Powadiuk as council opted to return the chargeback system. "We should control our own destiny," added Councillor Jim Kerr.

Feb. — Heart Month March — Red Cross

Mayor Tom Hill proclaimed the month of February Heart Month and the month of March Red Cross Month, at Monday night's meeting of Halton Hills council.

The town adopted the policy of not paying for publishing any proclamations four years ago. Councillor Pat McKenzie said it bothered him that the town didn't pay for proclamations as important as the Heart Fund and the Red Cross, and suggested the policy be reviewed.

\$400 fraud on stores

The Canadian Tire Stores here and in Georgetown were nicked with bad cheques to the tune of \$400 last week. The fraud was carried out by using identification of one person. In each case the purchase was of about \$200 in value, and the cheque was returned marked NSF.

According to police, identification stolen from Windsor last July has been used in numerous frauds in the province.

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THICK BLACK SMOKE hampered firefighting attempts Wednesday afternoon as fire and smoke filled Elissa Shoes store on Mill St. and the Cavic apartment above. Some 40 firefighters from both Acton and Georgetown battled the flames for six hours. \$100,000 damage resulted.

Chief says save lives dig out fire hydrants

Six foot high snow banks and several inches of snow everywhere else have hidden most of the fire hydrants in town, Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes says.

Because of this, if they were needed for a fire, firefighters would have to lose precious minutes locating and then digging the hydrants

out. In the meantime, a house could have burned down and lives could have been lost.

Mr. Holmes said the best way to avoid this is for individuals around town to take it upon themselves to clear the snow from the hydrants. "A few minutes of their time now could save months, maybe even years of sorrow," Mr. Holmes said.

Rider injured in accident

A passenger was slightly hurt in a two-car collision on Main Street South Tuesday morning, February 7.

Ljuba Cavlovic of 162 Tyler Ave. was slightly injured as a passenger in the auto driven by Elsie Swackhamer of 227 Arthur St. Police estimate damage to the Swackhamer vehicle to be \$500.

Damage to the station wagon driven by Archibald Harkins of 3 Rosemary Rd. is about \$1,500, police say.

Vandals

Vandals smashed numerous windows of Robert Little Public School sometime last weekend.

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